

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2013**



The general meeting of March 11, 2013 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the MAK Center at 835 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon  
Betty Haagen  
Laurel Karabian  
Harold Karpman  
Peter Lesnik  
Mattie McFadden-Lawson  
Alis Clausen Odenthal  
Jesus Reyes  
Ronald Rosen  
Hope Warschaw

Absent: Tomas Benitez  
Bettina Korek  
Araceli Ruano

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
Sofia Klatzker, Director of Grants and Professional Development  
Lindsey Schoenholtz, Grants Manager  
Adam Davis, Managing Director of the Ford Theatres

President McFadden-Lawson called the general meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Warschaw, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, the excused absences for the meeting of March 11, 2013 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

*On a motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Warschaw, the minutes for the meeting of February 11, 2013 were unanimously approved.*

Correspondence

None.

President's Items

President McFadden-Lawson reported Samantha Davies, Senior Vice President of Marketing for City National Bank, has joined the Ford Advisory Board.

OGP Presentations

Kimberli Meyers, Executive Director for the MAK Center, welcomed the Commissioners and gave an overview of the historic Schindler home and the center's residencies, exhibitions, and preservation programs. The organization seeks funding to activate historic architecture with contemporary art programming.

Adam Somers, Executive Director of PEN Center, gave an overview of the organization which supports writers and literary programs. The organization seeks funding to support PEN in the

Classroom, which provides youth with writing, college prep and literacy programs, and Emerging Voices, which advances the artistic development of emerging writer, and literary arts events.

#### Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker reported the Arts Commission had its budget hearing with the Chief Executive Officer on February 22, 2013 and the current proposed budget priorities include the restoration of Ford positions, the restoration of funding for the Arts Internship program and grants program, and one time funding for information technology upgrades. Additionally, the Ford Master Plan implementation is still on a short list of county capital projects. There will be a follow up meeting with the Art Deputies to review the budget priorities.

Adam Davis, Managing Director of the Ford Theatres, gave an update on the *Ford Signature Series*, a new program sponsored by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to bring well known artists to perform at the Ford with local companies. The first performance is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> with Mandy Patinkin accompanied by the Pasadena Symphony and Pops Orchestra. The second performance is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> with the dance company Complexions performing with Lula Washington Dance Theatre.

#### 2013 Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, Chair of the 2013 Nominating Committee, reported the committee met on February 11, 2013 and nominated the following slate of officers for 2013/14:

Peter Lesnik, President  
Jesus Reyes, Vice President  
Harold Karpman, Secretary  
Bettina Korek, Executive Committee Member  
Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Immediate Past President

*A motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, and unanimously approved, to accept the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee for the new term beginning on April 8, 2012.*

#### Commissioner Items

None.

#### Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of March 11, 2013 was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. in memory of Ambassador Raymond Telles, Jr., the first Hispanic mayor of a major American city, who passed away on March 8, 2013, on motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Haagen, and unanimously approved.*